

MEETING NOTICES

NORTHWEST and PUGET SOUND
CHAPTER

Met in Everett on September 13th at the City of Everett Transit Training Center. Don Eginton from Snohomish County GIS gave an enlightening overview on the direction that the county is going with the GIS system and the Internet. We had several positive comments on the presentation and wish more people could have attended. We know the value of this information and it will become even more valuable in the future.

After the presentation there was some general discussion on how the Internet could be a tool for the organization and the fact that some individuals were already on the system. Specifically TransAid. You can contact Dan Sunde at dan_sunde@wsdot.wa.gov. CRAB is also coming on board.

The next meeting will be another joint NW-PS meeting on November 8th in Olympia at the Thurston County RATS, 2404A Heritage Court SW. Call Pat Carroll at (360) 754-4580 for details and directions.

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

Held their meeting on September 6th at Franklin County Public Works. In attendance were Sue Schuetze and Sonja Moleff, Benton Co., Kathleen Neuman and Pam Reynolds, Franklin Co., Dan Mattozzi, Gil McGarrity, Lee Rawlings, Kennewick, Neil Smoot and Joe Wilson, Richland, Matt Pierusiewicz, Yakima Co., Norm Skiles and Bob Davis, Walla Walla Co., Ron Horn, Garfield Co., Margie Wilson, Pasco, and Steve Flude and Todd O'Brien, Adams Co.

Introductions were made with general open discussion. The WHY USE PMS question came

up with good comments from all. Sue will send a copy of the WSDOT copy of a letter from Sid Morrison to all Local Agencies on the **ISTEA PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS** to those who requested it. Some folks are still unsure on what the requirements are.

Recap of visual distress collected on bicycle by Sue and Sonja from Benton County. Sue talked about the whole concept of what automated data collection was for some of the new members. they also disclosed their *Close Encounters of the Worst Kind: Portland Concrete Pavement (in sad shape)*, of which they have none in thier county. The also talked about the high traffic volumes compared to their county.

Sonja reviewed her performance for the City of Prosser in collecting data on bicycle using the SIMPLE PMS generated by TransAid. A couple of people got copies of the forms she had. Call Dan Sunde for more info, (360) 705-7383.

Went over the Agenda for the Fall Conference and handed out copies of the NWPMA Executive Board listings for Name, Address, and Phone Number, plus a copy of the proposed charter change.

Franklin County had some counter information. Anyone wanting copies of the brochures were welcome to make them. Adams County has some of them and seem very satisfied with the product. Good discussion on truck counts.

The next meeting will be held on December 6th, 1995, at 10:00 AM at the *New and Improved* Walla Walla County Public Works Department. Call Chair Sue at (509) 786-5611 for suggestions or information.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The EBoard met on September 20th at the Kittitas County Courthouse in Ellensburg.

In attendance were Sue Schuetze, Vicki Griffiths, Howard Hamby, Jim Swearingin, Randy Firoved, Dan Sunde, and Dave Whitcher.

Meeting called to order at 10:30 am by Vice Chair Randy. Howard handed out a copy of the Purpose of our Organization, just as a reminder to us so that we can keep focused.

To foster mutual and beneficial relationships between and among members and with other allied agencies, institutions, organizations and business firms.

To improve the ability of the members to effectively and efficiently manage their pavements.

To promote pavement management technology transfer, research, and education.

To provide a common forum for the open exchange of ideas related to pavement management systems.

OLD BUSINESS:

Logo: Dan did the legwork for the EB by having drafts made of the logo. One was chosen with a few modifications. Eric has the final logo. It will be presented at the Fall Conference for approval of the members during registration.

Treasurers Report: Sue reported (on a postcard from Maui) that the current balance is \$2,2554.73.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mugs to be purchased and handed out at the Fall Conference. NWPMA will pay for them and be reimbursed from a portion of the registration. Moved/Seconded/Passed (M/S/P) to pay \$752.88.

There was quite a lengthy discussion on purchasing shirts to be given and to sell at the conference. M/S/P to purchase approx. 27 shirts to be given to the raters of the Visual Test Sites in conjunction with the Automated Data Collection Evaluation. TransAid will reimburse NWPMA for these. M/S/P to purchase a total of 65 shirts,

including the ADCE shirts, with several provided to the workers and the rest for purchase, with a limit of \$800 to be spent. The Conference Committee will decide the order quantity.

Wednesday Evening Dinner and Awards Banquet Tickets need to be purchased if you are not registered. This means we would love to have your spouse or friend attend with you, but NWPMA can not afford to provide them dinner. Tickets will be \$18 and available when you register.

Dave volunteered to ready the plaques for the awards. He will be reimbursed!!

Howard recommended sending a Letter of Recognition of the Pavement Manager of the Year award to the agency from which the recipient resides. They would receive a personal plaque for their own and the travelling plaque, with the names of all the recipients, for their use for a year.

The award will henceforth be known as the "Keith Kay Memorial Pavement Manager of the Year" award.

Any other awards needed will need to be approved by the EBoard.

Voting: It was decided that the two items to be voted on will be available by ballot during registration, and throughout the day. The ballots will be printed with each agencies name. One person from each voting agency will receive a ballot and a voter designated name tag. If other items come up during the conference that need a call for a vote, there will be space on the ballot for additional votes.

Report from Visual TechCom Chair Bill. TransAid has notified Bill the supply of PAVEMENT SURFACE CONDITION RATING MANUALS is quite low. The question arose to reprint or possibly rework. M/S/P to have the Visual TechCom initiate a formal start on this as a formal NWPMA project. *The possibility of the modification of the Rating Manual will affect every agency in the State.* If you are interested in participating, please contact Bill at (360) 696-8290. Remember, anyone can be on this committee.

GPS has been added back into the evaluation of Automated Data Collection equipment. There has been strong interest shown by FHWA to support the study, but no dollar amount yet. Snohomish County has just finished interviewing 3 vendors and will select one to supply them with a

couple of different scopes of work: GPS, Road Characteristics, and Road Inventory, which would include all visual features within the right-of-way, i.e.: sidewalks, curbs, catch basins, structures, power poles, etc.

Jim suggested that we advertise our meetings and conferences in the APWA calendar. Dan noted the T2 Bulletin had it in theirs. What about this idea: Using the Internet??? TransAid is on, CRAB is coming, other agencies are in or working on it. There is talk of setting up a formal committee to network communications thru the Internet. Bring it up at the conference...

Dan would like any agency to formally request to Denny Ingham a complete list of all their wishes. Well, maybe, not **ALL** your wishes, but if you could have anything brought up on your computer with the touch of a button (LAG Manual, Design Manual, Forms frequently used, etc.) just let him know with a written letter.

In the next newsletter look for a mail-in survey on the quality of the EBoard with comments and suggestions for improvements, better ideas or ways to go about business.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

editor's comments

One topic of discussion at the EBoard meeting was communication. The discussion of using the Internet is great, but not all agencies are on or soon to be on the Internet. There is still a need for a high quality newsletter, or even this newsletter, to get the info out to everyone.

Regardless of how the information gets out to everyone, the information providers must have the information to provide. If no one provides anything (or is that 'if everyone provides nothing') to submit to the membership, the membership stays uninformed. The purpose of this organization is to promote the exchange of information. If you have any information, please send it to your editor and it will be included in this newsletter, which is also available on the Internet on WSDOT's home page. If we have nothing, that is all we can provide!

VISUAL RATING TECHCOM

The Visual Condition Survey Technical Committee now has an official NWPMA project. The supply of Rating Manuals is quite low, and the decision was made to update the manual rather than reprinting the existing manual. Chair Bill Whitcomb has held two TechCom meetings, with lots of good discussion. Chair Bill has outlined the following process:

Develop an initial draft for TechCom review. The 'predraft' would be the basis for initial draft for committee review.

TechCom meeting to discuss the a general membership distribution draft. This would be available to the general membership for review and comment. This would be intended for those interested in reviewing it, not necessarily everyone.

Once the reviews from the general membership are obtained, develop a final draft. This would be the document to be voted on by the general membership.

Changes to the rating manual will affect all the agencies in Washington. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved please contact Chair Bill Whitcomb at (360) 696-8290 or FAX him at (360) 696-8588.

IDAHO ASPHALT CONFERENCE

The 34th Annual Idaho Asphalt Conference will be held on Thursday, October 26th, 1995, at the University Inn - Best Western, in Moscow Idaho. The conference is sponsored by the Idaho Transportation Department, the University of Idaho, and The Asphalt Institute. Tentative program topics include Pavement Recycling, Seal Coat Options, Pavement Maintenance, Hot-Mix Compaction, and Performance Based Specifications. Time is available for questions and discussion after each presentation. For technical information, call Ed Schlect, Asphalt Institute at (360) 786-5119, Dwayne Winn, ITD, at (208) 334-8450, or Fouad Bayomy, UI, at (208) 885-6784. To pre-register, call UI Office of Continuing Education and Public Service at (208) 885-6876. Registration will be \$50, which includes a luncheon and beverages at breaks.

SEE YOU AT THE FALL CONFERENCE!!!

NWPMA FALL CONFERENCE

By now you should have received your conference notice, if you haven't already paid your registration, you will still have a chance to. If you are going to pay at the door, please let Chair Pat or Dave know (at (360) 754-4580) that you are coming, so they will know how many will be there.

The conference will be held at the newly remodeled Holiday Inn Select, formerly the Quality Inn - Westwater, in Olympia, on Courthouse Hill, overlooking beautiful Capital Lake. A block of rooms has been reserved for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday night, when you make your reservations be sure to mention that you are with the NWPMA Fall Conference. Be sure to attend the Awards Banquet on Wednesday Night, where you will see who the 1995 Pavement Manager of the Year will be. The speaker will be Tony Ventrella, KIRO Sportscaster and Interesting Person. If you want to invite a guest, additional tickets will be available during registration for \$18.

RATE-OFF AND THUMP-OFF

The committee tried to find some interesting pavements to rate. A good example of road was found right in front of the conference site. Bring your hard hat and vest and come out Tuesday Morning and see innovative rating techniques, and compare your rating eyes to everyone elses. Rumor still has it that Sue Schuetze and Bill Bullock will bring their bicycles to show us how well they work!

This year we will be having shirts available to show your support of NWPMA. At the start, staff will be wearing the cool white shirts, if you have any questions, you know who to ask. There will be a limited number available for sale, first come first serve, with order forms available for ordering polo shirts (\$15.50 + tax) and sweatshirts (\$17.00 + tax) with the NWPMA logo on them.

Speaking of our logo, there will be a contest to name our alligator. Think up the best name, enter it into the contest, and, if it is selected, win a fabulous prize!

Be there or be Alligatored!

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